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**AGENCY STATEMENT
ON
VERMICULITE FACILITY LIST**

EPA is identifying and evaluating vermiculite facilities in the United States which received vermiculite ore from the W.R. Grace mine in Libby, Montana. W.R. Grace operated the Libby mine between 1963 and 1990. The mine produced ore which contained high levels of asbestos fibers, and the ore has been associated with observed health impacts on residents of Libby, Montana. Exposure to asbestos may cause serious and potentially fatal diseases, including asbestosis (a restrictive lung disease), lung cancers, or mesothelioma (cancer of the lung lining).

EPA developed the attached list of vermiculite facilities that are believed to have operated since 1953. The list compiles information from the U.S. Geological Survey and W.R. Grace. The Agency is determining which of these facilities actually received vermiculite from the Libby mine and whether there are any health or environmental concerns at these sites. The list is evolving and is subject to change as more information becomes available; therefore, EPA cannot verify the accuracy of this list.

EPA is using its authorities under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (commonly known as Superfund) to identify sites that may require cleanup. Following existing Superfund site evaluation procedures, the Agency will screen sites and their surrounding areas on the basis of likely risks and threats and make recommendations for further evaluation or response, as needed.

EPA Regional Offices expect to finish identifying sites by April 30 and to complete preliminary evaluations by June 30.

Press inquiries should call Lauren M. Mical, EPA Office of Media Relations, at 202-260-4358. For further information, interested parties should call the Superfund Hotline at 1-800-424-9346 or 703-412-9810.

List of US Vermiculite Facilities

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	State	Sites Identified	Total by Region
Region I	MA	4	4
Region II	NJ NY PR	8 11 1	20
Region III	DC DE MD PA VA	1 1 8 13 1	24
Region IV	AL FL GA KY NC SC TN	6 7 5 1 5 6 3	33
Region V	IL IN MI MN OH WI	22 4 8 10 11 4	59
Region VI	AR LA NM OK TX	4 5 5 4 22	40
Region VII	IA KS MO NE	3 3 6 1	13
Region VIII	CO MT ND UT WY	4 3 3 2 4	16
Region IX	AZ CA HI NV	3 30 1 4	38
Region X	OR WA	4 18	22
	42 States		265 Sites

US EPA Region V

VERMICULITE FACILITIES
American Can Company Research Center 433 N. Northwest Hwy., Barrington, IL 60010
International Vermiculite Co (Macoupin County) PO Box 66, Girard, IL 62640
Thermic Refractories (217) 627-2101 Box 138, Girard, IL 62640
Zonolite Co/WR Grace (Du Page County) 603 Fenton Lane, W Chicago, IL 60185
W. R. Grace & Co. Const Products Div 12300 South Ashold Ave, Chicago, IL
Net Ocean c/o Freight A-Ranger 5500 West 47 th Street, Chicago, IL 60638
Steel Services 11426 South Perry St, Chicago, IL
U.S. Steel Corp. - Chicago
U.S. Steel Corp. South Works South Chicago, Illinois
Inland Steel Corp - Chicago
U.S. Steel Corp. - Duquesne
U.S. Steel Corp. - Gary
FE Schundler & Co, De Kalb, IL
Mica Pellets, Inc 1008 Oak St, De Kalb, IL
Strong-Lite Products Corp (De Kalb County) 444 E Shipyard Rd, Seneca, IL 61360 (815) 357-6001
FE Schundler & Co 504 Railroad St, Joliet, IL
Kalo Inoculant Company 525 Kentucky Street, Quincy, IL
Van Packer Co., Division of the Flintkote Co (also as Voluntary Purchasing Co.), 1 Mill Street, Buda, Illinois
Swift & Company, Agricultural Chemical Division Calumet City, IL
Paxam Corp. Foot of Mac Arthur St, Peoria, IL
Loyd. A. Fry Roofing, Co. 5824 Archer Road, Summit, IL 60501

VERMICULITE FACILITIES
Dearborn Chemical 300 Genesee Street, Lake Zurich, IL
Zonolite Co/WR Grace 12300 S Ashland St, Blue Island, IL
U.S. Gypsum Company 3501 Canal Street, East Chicago, IN (?)
Eli Lilly Co, K 406 Building #333 1355 S White River Pkwy, Indianapolis, IN
Gold Bond Bldg Prod, Div of National Gypsum U.S. Highway No 50, Shouls, IN 47581
U. S. Gypsum Company Willow Valley, Shouls, IN 47581
Wormald International 111 Muskin Drive, Walkerton, IN
Zonolite Co/WR Grace (Wayne County) 14300 Henn St, Dearborn, MI
General Motors Technical Center 12 Mile & Mound Roads, Warren, MI
Al-Par Peat Company 5900 Henderson Road, Elise, MI
BIMAC 345 E. Main Street, Milan, MI
U.S. Gypsum Company #2 Division St, River Ridge, MI 48218
H.B. Fuller Company 2727 Kinney NW, Gand Rapids, MI 49504
Bestwall Gypsum, Grand Rapids, MI
Grand Rapids Gypsum PO Box 1672, Grand Rapids, MI 49501
MacArthur Co 936 Raymond Ave, St Paul, MN
BF Nelson Mfg 401 Main St, NE, Minneapolis, MN
Western Mineral Products (WRG) 1720 Madison St NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413
Dynamic Air Inc. (c/o Vern Huballa) 1125 Walters Boulevard, St Paul, MN 55164
Dr. Tim Johnson, Minnesota Mining & Mfg., Co. Building 53-3, 367 Grove Street, St. Paul, MN

VERMICULITE FACILITIES
3-M, 1050 Hazel Street, Building 410 Dock 91-105, St. Paul, MN
3-M, Chemolite Building 17P, Cottage Grove, MN 55133
General Mills - Minneapolis, MN
Certain Teed Products Corporation (Also, Diversified Insulation) (Also, Twin Cities Wholesale Supply) 459 Harding Street, N.E., Minnesota Transfer, MN
Nawrocki Insulation Inc. c/o Building No. 5, Minnesota Transfer, MN
Carboline Co. Distribution Center 2062 Heller Road, Alpha, OH 45301
Exomet, Smithville, OH
Bestwall Gypsum - Akron
Cleveland Builders Supply Co 1276 W Third St, Cleveland, OH
Cleveland Gypsum Co. Perlite Plant West 3rd Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44113
Topex Co. 2516 West 3rd St, Cleveland, OH 44111
Wyodak Chem Co 4600 E 71 st St, Cleveland, OH
O.M. Scott Assoc Co, Inc. (Union County) 14111 Scottslawn Rd, Marysville, OH 43040 (937) 644-7291
Midwest Rubber 745 Norton Avenue, Bombertown, OH 44203
PVP Industries, Inc. (440) 685-4701 9819 Penniman Rd N, Box 129, N Bloomfield, OH 44450
Celotex Corporation Old Rte 2 East, Port Clinton, OH 43452
U. S. Gypsum Company, Gypsum, OH 43433
Western Mineral Products Co (WRG) 525 W Oregon St, Milwaukee, WI 53208
W. R. Grace/Const Products Division Grand Avenue District Yard, Milwaukee, WI
W.L. Spencer Mfg., Corp. 1693 North Water Street, Milwaukee, WI 53202
Koos, Inc (414) 636-9310 (also listed: 4500 13th Court Kenosha, WI 53140) 2000 DeKovan Ave, Racine, WI